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For: TECHINQUE TO MANAGE REMOTE IP NE'S THROUGH THE SONET DCC

**CLEAN VERSION OF CLAIMS IN RESPONSE TO  
NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.121)**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.121) dated December 12, 2002. In response hereto, Applicant hereby submits a clean version of the claims as amended in the Amendment filed December 6, 2002.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please enter the following amended claims:

~~2 (Amended). The method of claim 1, wherein selective ones of the routers comprise those routers directly connected to at least one of said first and second IP devices.~~

~~9 (Amended). An apparatus for transmitting an IP packet between a first IP device and a second IP device via a network including a plurality of routers running a second communications protocol different from said first and second IP devices, said apparatus comprising:~~